

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment is found on page 5, lines 24-40, page 6, lines 10-40, page 14, line 3 to page 15, line 9, pages 24-26, page 38, lines 25-30, page 46 and page 47 of the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

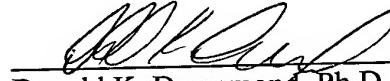
OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 06/04)

NFO:DKD\la:aps

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald K. Drummond, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 52,834